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- 1. WHILE THE GOVERNMENT OF TANZANIA DOES NOT PUBLISH LISTS OF DETAINEES, IT IS GENERALLY UNDERSTOOD THAT JOSEPH KASELLA BANTU AND OTINI KAMBONA ARE IN DETENTION WITHOUT TRIAL.
- 2. BANTU WAS FOUNDER MEMBER OF TANGANYIKA AFRICAN NATIONAL UNION AND REPRESENTED CONSTITUENCY OF NZEGA (NEAR TABORA) UNTIL HE WAS ARRESTED IN MID-1960'S. HE WAS CHARGED WITH INSTIGATING MURDER OF A TANGOV OFFICIAL BUT WAS ACQUITTED. HE WAS THEN ARRESTED AND DETAINED UNTIL 1973 OR 1974. HE WORKED WITH THE NATIONAL TRANSPORT COMPANY UNTIL THE END OF 1976 WHEN HE RESIGNED TO DEVOTE MORE TIME TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS AND AN UNSPECIFIED CHURCH GROUP. IN EARLY 1977, SHORTLY AFTER ATTENDING A CONFERENCE IN EUROPE SPONSORED BY ONE OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS, HE WAS AGAIN ARRESTED AND DETAINED. HE WAS FIRST HELD IN DAR ES SALAAM BUT HAS BEEN TRANSFERRED TO TANGA.
- 3. KAMBONA IS THE BROTHER OF THE WELL-KNOWN OSCAR KAMBONA. OTINI KAMBONA, WHO WAS MP FOR SONGEA NORTH AND ACTIVE IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PUBLISHING, WAS DETAINED IN 1967. HIS RELEASE WAS ORDERED BY NYERERE IN FEBRUARY 1972 BUT WAS EVIDENTLY NOT CARRIED OUT.

4. EMBASSY REGARDS NONE OF THE ABOVE AS CLASSIFIED INFORMATION AND BELIEVES DEPARTMENT COULD USE ANY OR ALL OF IT IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES BUT WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION TO EMBASSY. SPAIN

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